IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Etienne Chapelain et al.

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 14, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks and amendments. This paper comprising the following parts:

I. **Listing of Claims**, beginning on page 2;

II. **Remarks**, beginning on page 7.

Applicants note that the Transmittal to which this paper is attached includes a Certificate under 37 C.F.R §1.8; and a fee statement calculating any fee(s) presently due in connection with the filing of this paper, along with an authorization to charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.